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Speaker Bense Addresses Governor's Plan for Medicaid Modernization

Statement by Florida House Speaker Allan Bense

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – “Something has to change. Costs are spiraling out of control and we have to find a way to stabilize the growth in Medicaid so we can continue to provide people the services they need and deserve,” said Speaker Bense. “The way I see it, we have two choices – we can keep the current system and be forced to drastically restrict eligibility and services, or we can find innovative ways to inspire competition and improve the way we keep people healthy.

“As the debate proceeds, I look forward to working with my leadership team, Senate President Lee and his leadership team, and all interested parties to make sure whatever steps we take improve the efficiency of the system, inspire competition among providers and increase the availability of care for those who depend upon Medicaid.

“Changes of this magnitude are not easy. But doing nothing is simply not an option if we are to adequately fund Medicaid and all the state’s other critical needs in the future. Governor Bush’s plan is a very good framework, and sets us solidly on the right path.”

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